

Junior Ranger Family Programs



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Become a Junior Ranger!

Are you 7 to 12 years old? Looking for something exciting to do outdoors this summer? Join park rangers and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) staff for fun and exploration. You'll have a chance to investigate our valley's past by railroad, search for wildlife, express yourself artistically, and learn new skills.

Children attending three Junior Ranger programs earn a Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) Junior Ranger badge -- six also earns you a CVNP patch. Pre-registration and advanced payment is required as space is limited. Program locations will be given upon registration.

The cost is \$7 per child, \$4 for CVNPA members, unless otherwise noted. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge except on train programs. **To sign up call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (CVEEC) at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.**

There is a special selection of Junior Ranger programs for groups of 10 or more. For more information call CVEEC at (800) 642-3297 ext. 105.

The listings in this brochure are subject to change.



Beneath the Fishing Pole

Wednesday, June 15; Monday, June 20; Wednesday, July 5

What lives beneath the murky waters of Kendall Lake? Learn the fundamentals of using a rod and reel to nab the shiny creatures that swim below. Maybe you'll get "hooked" too. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on 6/15 and 7/5; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on 6/20.

New Songs at the Coliseum

Saturday, June 18; Wednesday, June 22

The roar of cheering Cavaliers' fans, loud chords of a rock band -- these are the sounds of the Richfield Coliseum site's past. Now that the arena is gone, new singers visit but these stars have feathers! Learn how this human hangout has transformed into an important bird habitat. Binoculars are provided. 9 - 11 a.m.

Pond Pursuits

Saturday, June 18; Tuesday, June 28; Friday, August 5

Park ponds are jumping, wiggling, and swimming with life. Dip nets in to see what is on the move at the water's edge. Together we'll explore what lives in this wet community and how it compares to where you live. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. on 6/18; 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. on 6/28; 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on 8/5.

Twilight Flight

Sunday, June 19; Friday, July 8; Friday, August 5

Holy Toledo -- we've got bats in the Cuyahoga Valley! Eavesdrop on the ultrasonic calls of these fascinating, furry fliers as we take an evening hike with special detectors to a long-time roost. Learn about Ohio's winged mammals and their role in the environment. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Underground Railroad

Thursday, June 23

Climb aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad to explore the mysteries of the Underground Railroad. Costumed characters and hands-on activities will test your knowledge and skills as you navigate the decisions involved in finding freedom. Bring a lunch, dress for the weather, and be prepared to hike. Fee: \$15 per child, \$10 for CVNPA members, \$6 per accompanying adult. Ages 10 - 12. 9:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Frontier Survival

Monday, June 29; Monday, July 18

Did you ever wonder what it would take to survive settlement in the New West? How did people manage the journey? What did they need? Who did they encounter? Join a park ranger to experience the ups and downs of life on the Ohio frontier. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. or 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on 6/29; 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. on 7/18

Canal Days

Thursday, July 7

Journey to 19th century Ohio on Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Explore the past through hands-on activities, enjoy games from the 1800s, operate a working canal lock, and meet costumed characters who will bring history to life. Bring a lunch and dress for the weather. Fee: \$15 per child, \$10 for CVNPA members, \$6 per accompanying adult. 10:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

All About Owls

Tuesday, July 12; Thursday, July 14

Hoo are we? We like to eat small mammals and are most active at night... Give up? Join a park ranger and an Akron Zoo educator to see three owls up close, learn about their nocturnal habits, and dissect owl pellets to discover their favorite foods. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Working in the Field

Tuesday, July 19; Wednesday, July 20; Thursday, July 21

If you've ever dreamed about working on an archeological excavation, here's your chance. Join a park ranger for a discussion of archeological tools and techniques and then put your skills to the test with National Park Service archeologists on a real dig. All participants must wear long pants, sturdy shoes, and bring a lunch. For ages 10 - 12. Fee: \$15 per child, \$10 for CVNPA members. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Nature Photography

Wednesdays, July 20, July 27, and August 3

Look at the natural world with the eye of an artist - through



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the lens of a digital camera. Practice composing an interesting photograph then printing and mounting it creatively. Bring a disk if you would like to keep your photos. Cameras will be provided. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Finding Your Way

Tuesday, July 26; Saturday, July 30

How do you get from here to there? Try using the technology of a 21st-century explorer. We'll learn the basics of using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit and a map, then set off on a clue-finding adventure! 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on 7/26; 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. on 7/30.

Moving Through the Valley

Thursday, July 28

Bring your bike and we'll explore transportation in the Cuyahoga Valley by rails and trails! Make a one-way trip aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, test the Cuyahoga River's water, bike back 3 miles on the Towpath Trail, and learn about the "horse-less carriage." Bring a bike, bike helmet, and lunch. Dress for the weather. For ages 10 - 12. Fee: \$15 per child, \$10 for CVNPA members, \$6 per accompanying adult. 9:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

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